(i) Indian coal is inherently of low Gross Calorific Value (GCV) when compared to imported coal.

(ii) Indian coal by virtue of location of coal fields in central/ eastern part of India requires transporation over long distances to consumption points and transport costs are substantially high.

(iii) Indian coal also undergoes levy of royalty and sales tax, which may not be obtained to the same degree on imported coal.

(b) and (c) Coal is imported under OGL (Open General License) and Coal India Limited or Government of India in the Ministry of Coal is not importing coal. However, as per information available, the CIF price of imported coal in Asian market during 2001 is approximately US $ 37.96 per tonne. The basic price of various grades of Indian Coal in certain coalfields is as under:—

Price range of Run-of Mine (Non-Long Flame) coal produced by the subsidiaries of Coal India Limited (CIL)

Price Range (In Rupees per tonne)

Grade	ECL(MUGMA)	MCL
A	1,382	912
B	1,222	819
C	1,006	674
D	794	566
E	630	445
F	417	351
G	358	250

Achievements in coal production

2440. SHRI RAMDAS AGARWAL: Will the Minister of COAL AND MINES be pleased to state:

(a) whether India is the third largest coal producing country in the world;

(b) if so, the coal production during the last three years,

particularly by Coal India Ltd. indicating coal supplied by CIL to various sectors/power sector, year-wise; and

(c) whether 13 coal projects have since been completed, if so, what is the increase in productivity of coal in percentage during 2001-2002?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF COAL AND MINES (SHRI RAVI SHANKAR PRASAD): (a) Yes, Sir. India is the third largest coal producing country in the world.

(b) Details of production of coal and supplies to various sectors during the last three years are as under:

Production of Coal

(Figures in million tonnes)

Year	All India	CIL
1998-99	292.27	256.48
1999-2000	300.04	260.58
2000-2001	309.63	268.14

Coal supplied by CIL to various sectors

(figures in million tonnes)

Year	Power	Steel	Cement	Fertilizer	Loco	Others
1998-99	184.16	14.04	5.60	3.66	0.03	37.95
1999-2000	195.76	13.70	6.54	3.40	0.01	38.76
2000-01	208.45	12.58	7.01	3.18	0.00	38.21

(c) Twenty (20) coal projects costing Rs. 20 crores and above have been completed by CIL during last 3 years (i.e. 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001) . Over all productivity of Coal India Limited during the last three years has been 2.03 tonnes, 2.10 tonnes and 2.30 tonnes respectively in 1998-99, 1999-2000 and 2000-2001.